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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SAN SALVADOR 1748SUBJECT: OBJECTION BY GOES TO MAP PREPARED BY ARMY CORPS
ENGINEERS INDICATING BORDER BETWEEN SALVADOR/HONDURAS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1727 PARA 4.

1. FONMIN, DR. "CHACHI" GUERRERO, HAS REORGANIZED MIXED BORDER COMMISSION REFERENCE HONDURAN/SALVADORAN BORDER DISPUTE. FONMIN INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR THAT AT RECENT COMMISSION MEETING A PRELIMINARY MAP, IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION BY ARMY CORPS ENGINEERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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WAS REVIEWED BY COMMISSION. MEETING BECAME HEATED AND EMOTIONAL OVER WHAT RIGHT ANY US AGENCY HAD FOR INDICATING A BORDER BETWEEN SALVADOR/HONDURAS.

2. PROPOSED MAP SHOWS MOST OF DISPUTED TERRITORY AS HONDURAN EXCEPT FOR MEANGUERA ISLAND.

3. GOES FULLY UNDERSTANDS MAP NOT APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION AND ONLY PRELIMINARY DRAFT. FONMIN CERTAIN COPY OF MAP ALSO SENT TO HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. GOES AFRAID HONDURAS MAY TRY TO USE THIS MAP AS AN INDICATION OF USG INCLINATIONS REFERENCE DISPUTED TERRITORY.

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4. ALSO GOES CONCERNED OVER PARTITION SHOWN OVER GULF OF FONSECA. MAP SHOWS A PARTITION OF GULF OF FONSECA, SUPPOSEDLY IGNORING "CONDOMINIUM" TREATY.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF EMOTIONAL ASPECT OF SALVADORAN/HONDURAN BORDER SITUATION, SUGGEST NO MAP BE PREPARED BY ANY US AGENCY INDICATING A BORDER. GOES FEELS USG MAY BE GETTING INVOLVED

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IN GOOD FAITH.

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